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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

January 8, 2001

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Sir:

In reply to the outstanding Office Action dated July 6, 2000, the period for replying having been extended by the concurrent filing of a Notice of Appeal to January 6, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 12 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please amend the following claim: